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1. GA PLENARY--SUSPENDS 31ST SESSION

PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE SRI LANKA SUSPENDED THE 31ST SESSION OF THE GA LATE DEC. 22, AFTER PROPOSING THAT THE SESSION REMAIN IN BEING "SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY" IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE ITEM ON "DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GA AT ITS SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION". HE WILL CONSULT WITH THE SYG AND MEMBER STATES TO DETERMINE WHEN THE RESUMPTION WILL TAKE PLACE. THE GA ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMITE 5, WHICH CONCLUDED ITS WORK IN THE AFTERNOON DEC. 22, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF A REVISED UN GROSS BUDGET OF \$783,932,900 FOR 1976-77, AN AMOUNT 5.1 PERCENT OVER THE TOTAL ADOPTED LAST DECEMBER. AMONG OTHER THINGS THE GA APPOINTED TOLBA TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP, AND FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA, AHTISAARI, TO REPLACE MACBRIDE AS UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. IN HIS CLOSING STATEMENT, PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE PLACED HIGH VALUE ON RESUMPTION OF THE 31ST UNCLASSIFIED

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SESSION, STATING IT WOULD BE VITAL BECAUSE ITS PURPOSE WOULD BE TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. GOV SCRANTON SAID THERE HAD BEEN A "POSITIVE TONE" IN THE GA'S WORK THIS YEAR.

--COMMITTEE 5 RESOLUTIONS--

COMITE 5 COMPLETED ITS WORK DURING THE AFTERNOON DEC. 22 AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE GA, WITHOUT VOTE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, AS FOLLOWS: DEFERRING UNTIL THE 32ND GA CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NEGOTIATING COMITE ON THE UN FINANCIAL EMERGENCY; DEFERRING UNTIL THE 32ND SESSION REVIEW OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT MACHINERY DEALING WITH THE FORMATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS AND BUDGET; APPROVING STATUTE FOR THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT; NOTING JIU REPORT AND SYG REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR JIU RECOMMENDATIONS; POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

OF JIU INSPECTORS; MATTERS ARISING FROM ONE-WEEK STRIKE IN GENEVA OF GENERAL SERVICE STAFF AND REQUESTING ICSC TO HAVE A SURVEY MADE OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS; NOTING THREE REPORTS BY JIU ON UN OFFICE SPACE QUESTIONS; AND UTILIZATION OF DONAUPARK FACILITIES IN VIENNA.

RESOLUTION ON EXPANSION OF MEETING ROOMS AND OTHER PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AT UN HEADQUARTERS WAS ADOPTED 121-10(SOVIET BLOC)-0. THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT UNDER OPERATIVE PARAS 2 AND 3 THE GA DECIDED "TO DEFER ACTION ON ANY OPTION WITH RESPECT TO THE SEATING ARRANGEMENT TO BE USED IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GA HALL "AS OUTLINED IN PARA 3 OF THE SYG'S REPORT, AND REQUESTED THE GA PRESIDENT, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, TO INFORM THE SYG BY JAN. 31, 1977 AT THE LATEST OF THE OPTIONS MOST ACCEPTABLE TO MEMBER STATES. THE GA THEN TOOK UP THE REPORT ON THE UN PENSION SYSTEM (A/31/455) WHICH CONTAINED TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. RESOLUTION I ON THE PENSION BOARD REPORT, WHICH CONTAINED UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVEN SECTIONS, WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE. DRAFT II DEALT WITH INVESTMENTS OF THE PENSION FUND. NICARAGUA INTRODUCED AMENDMENTS ON BEHALF ALSO OF CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA, INDONESIA, PANAMA AND PARAGUAY, EXPLAINING THAT THE TECHNICAL REASON FOR THEM WAS THAT THE FUNDS IN THE JOINT PENSION FUND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT FINANCING. THE FUND'S INVESTMENTS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE STILL AT AN EXTREMELY LOW LEVEL, AND THE SYG SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE INVESTMENTS COMITE IN THAT RESPECT, THE NICARAGUAN REP ADDED. THE AMENDMENTS WERE ACCEPTED WITHOUT VOTE, AND THE AMENDED RESOLUTION II WAS ADOPTED 106-1 (US)-24 (EC-9, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BENIN, CANADA, CHINA, FINLAND, GABON, ICELAND, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UPPER VOLTA).

AMB MYERSON EXPLAINED THAT THE US VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT FELT DEEPLY THAT THE GA REQUESTED ACTIONS WHICH WERE AGAINST THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PENSION FUND. THE US DID NOT THINK INVESTMENTS IN TRANSNATIONALS CONTRADICTED UN PRINCIPLES. THE SYG, UNDER THE PENSION FUND REGULATIONS, HAD EXCLUSIVE DECISION-MAKING POWERS ON THE INVESTMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE GA COULD CRITICIZE THE SYG'S DECISIONS, IT SHOULD NOT INSTRUCT HIM ON HOW OR WHEN TO DO SO. FURTHER, THE ASSETS OF THE PENSION FUND BELONG TO THE PARTICIPANTS, AND THE US DID NOT WANT TO SEE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD IMPERIL THE FUND.

COMITE ON CONTRIBUTIONS--HENNES (US) AND KATO (JAPAN) WERE REAPPOINTED TO THE COMITE AND SERBANESCU (ROMANIA) APPOINTED TO REPLACE TARDOS (HUNGARY) WHOSE TERM EXPIRES DEC. 31.

TO FILL FIVE NEW SEATS AS RESULT OF INCREASED MEMBERSHIP
FROM 13 TO 18, COMITE 5 RECOMMENDED DEINDE-GEORGE (NIGERIA),
EL-SHIBIB (IRAQ), STOFORPOULOS (GREECE),
KOSCHORRECK (FRG) AND VARGAS-SABORIO (COSTA RICA). THE SOVIET
REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED A VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THESE
NEW MEMBERS, THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED A VOTE WOULD BE AN UNUSUAL
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PROCEDURE, AND THE APPOINTMENTS WERE APPROVED 119-12(
SOVIET BLOC, CUBA, NEPAL)-0. YANKOV (BULGARIA), ON BEHALF
THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP, SAID THE ELECTION RESULTS
DEPRIVED THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF A LEGITIMATE SEAT
ON THE COMITE, AND THAT COULD SET AN UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT.

INVESTMENTS COMITE--APPOINTMENTS WERE CONFIRMED WITHOUT
OBJECTION OF NEHRU (INDIA), FARIS (BRAZIL), RACZKOWSKI (POLAND)
AND SHISHIDO (JAPAN). THE SYG INDICATED HE WOULD SUBMIT ANOTHER
NEW APPOINTMENT FOR CONFIRMATION, AND IN EARLY 1977 WOULD
HAVE A MEMBER SERVE ON AN AD HOC BASIS UNTIL CONFIRMATION
COULD BE SOUTH.

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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION--THE FOLLOWING WERE

REAPPOINTED WITHOUT OBJECTION: AMJAD ALI (PAKISTAN), ANI
(NIGERIA), CHISTYAKOV (USSR), HAKSAR (INDIA) AND WARAZI
(MOROCCO).

UN STAFF PENSION COMITE--THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE APPROVED
WITHOUT OBJECTION: GARRIDO (PHILIPPINES), MAJOLI (ITALY),
AND OKEYO (KENYA), AND AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS KUTTNER (US),
MARPAUNG (INDONESIA) AND SCHMIDT (FRG).

FINANCING OF UNEF AND UNDOF --COMITE 5 RAPPORTEUR
READ OUT NUMEROUS TECHNICAL CHANGES. YEMEN EXPLAINED ITS
ABSTENTION ON GROUNDS ISRAEL WAS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, AND SYRIA CONTENDED THAT THE
ISRAELI AGGRESSOR AND THOSE WHICH ENCOURAGED IT SHOULD BEAR ALL THE
COSTS. ISRAEL REPLIED TO THE "POLITICAL WARFARE" BEING
CARRIED OUT AGAINST IT. RESOLUTION A ON FINANCING UNEF WAS
THEN ADOPTED 113-2(ALBANIA, SYRIA)-12(SOVIET BLOC EXCEPT ROMANIA,
CUBA, GUINEA, NIGERIA, YEMENAL. RESOLUTION B ON FINANCING
OF UNDOF WAS ADOPTED BY THE SAME VOTE. CHINA, IRAQ,
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN AND LIBYA WERE AMONG THOSE RECORDED
AS BEING ABSENT DURING BOTH VOTES.

UNIDO--RESOLUTIONS I, DECIDING TO ESTABLISH A UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND II, ADOPTING GENERAL PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF THE FUND, WERE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

--PROGRAM BUDGET--

KAUFMANN (NETHERLANDS), ON BEHALF OF EC-9, SAID THEY WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNHAPPY ABOUT THE WAY DECISIONS ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS HAD BEEN MADE THIS YEAR. ALSO, IT SEEMED TO BE A GROWING PRACTICE FOR BOTH THE SECRETARIAT AND MEMBER STATES TO DISREGARD PROGRAM BUDGET PRACTICES AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS LEADING TO REVISED OR SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HALF WAY THROUGH THE BIENNIUM.

AMB MYERSON REGRETTED THE US WAS UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE REVISED 1976-77 PROGRAM BUDGET CALLING FOR \$38 MILLION IN ADDITION TO THE \$745 MILLION PROGRAM BUDGET APPROVED LAST YEAR. BIENNIAL ESTIMATES PROVIDED FUNDS FOR TWO YEARS, AND ANY ORGANIZATION MUST OPERATE WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED. ALTHOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED, THERE MUST BE CORRESPONDING REDUCTIONS IN THE EXPENDITURE ON LESS URGENT PROGRAMS AND ELIMINATION OF OBSOLETE PROGRAMS.

GRODSKY (USSR) OBJECTED TO REQUESTS FOR NEW APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER NEW ACTIVITIES, HELD THAT ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS SHOULD BE FINANCED THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, AND OPPOSED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION I ON EMOLUMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE WAS ADOPTED 114-11(SOVIET BLOC, US)-3(CUBA, MADAGASCAR, NEW ZEALAND). RES II, ON USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS IN THE UN--WITHOUT OBJECTION. RES III, ON REVISED ESTIMATE RELATING TO UNCTAD--114-9(SOVIET BLOC EXCEPT ROMANIA)-8(AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, UK, US). RES IV A, ON PROGRAM BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77--119-10(SOVIET BLOC)-1(US). RES IV B, ON REVISED INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77--131-0-0. RES IV C, ON FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1977-119(US)-10(SOVIET BLOC)-1(CUBA). SECTIONS CONCERNING UN INFORMATION CENTERS SYSTEM, REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A RATIONALE FOR ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES BETWEEN THE REGULAR BUDGET AND THE FUND FOR UNEP WERE APPROVED WITHOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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OBJECTION.

RES V, SECT. I, RELATING TO UN YEARBOOK, WAS APPROVED 117(US)-10(SOVIET BLOC)-3(BELGIUM, CHINA, FRANCE). RES V, SECTION 3, ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING--119-10(SOVIET BLOC)-1(CHINA). SECTIONS 6, 7, 8 AND 9 WERE ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION. (IN MOST OF THE VOTES ON RESOLUTIONS I THROUGH IV, THE UN RECORDED CHINA AS BEING ABSENT.)

THE SYG BY NOTE STATED HE WISHED TO NOMINATE TOLBA TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JAN. 1, 1977, AND THE GA CONCURRED. THE GA ALSO APPROVED THE SYG'S PROPOSAL THAT AHTISAARI, FINNISH AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA, BE APPOINTED FOR ONE YEAR TO REPLACE MACBRIDE AS UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMITE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WAS INCREASED TO 23 WITHOUT OBJECTION. PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE STATED IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ANNOUNCE NOW THE COMPOSITION OF THE FOLLOWING COMITES BUT HE WOULD DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: AD HOC COMITE ON THE DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST APARTHEID IN SPORTS; AD HOC COMITE ON THE DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES; CONSULTATIVE COMITE ON THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE UN DECADE FOR WOMEN; AND PREPARATORY COMITE FOR THE SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT. REPORTING THAT TANZANIA WISHED TO BE RELIEVED OF ITS MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMITE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY, THE PRESIDENT APPOINTED SENEGAL AS A REPLACEMENT.

THE GA NOTED RELEVANT PARTS OF THE ECOSOC REPORT DEALING WITH NATURAL RESOURCES, REGIONAL COOPERATION, UN DECADE FOR WOMEN, AND ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTER AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS.

PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE REFERRED TO THE PAKISTANI LETTER ON UNCLASSIFIED

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BEHALF G-77 AND SAID THAT, IF THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS, HE WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE 31ST SESSION REMAIN IN BEING "SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY" IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ITEM 66, "DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GA AT ITS SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION". HE ADDED THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD WITH THE SYG AND MEMBERS TO DETERMINE WHEN THE RESUMPTION WOULD TAKE PLACE. THE GA APPROVED THE PROCEDURE.

THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO AMERASINGHE'S PROPOSAL THAT THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UN SPECIAL

FUND FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BE TAKEN UP
BY THE GA DURING ITS RESUMED SESSION AS PART OF ITS CONSIDERATION
OF ITEM 66 OR, SHOULD THE SESSION NOT BE RESUMED, THAT THE
GA AUTHORIZE ECOSOC TOELECT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE, IN CLOSING REMARKS, PLACED HIGH VALUE ON A RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION, STATING IT WOULD BE VITAL BECAUSE ITS PURPOSE WOULD BE TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WHICH WAS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE POORER COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT NEVER BEFORE HAD THE GA HELD SO MANY PLENARY MEETINGS, SPOKE OF THE NUMBER OF OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE SAME ISSUE CAME UP FOR CONSIDERATION THROUGH UNDER DIFFERENT HEADINGS, AND SAID PROBLEMS CRYING FOR SOLUTIONS WERE APARTHEID, RHODESIA, PALESTINE, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND CYPRUS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE UN IS SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MORAL FATIGUE CAUSED BY CONTINUING FRUSTRATION AND FAILURE OF ITS MEMBERS TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. HE MENTIONED THE FAILURE TO ENFORCE HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS, THOUGH THE TIME HAD COME FOR A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION IN REGARD TO ALL BODIES, AND MENTIONED THE EXCLUSION OF VIETNAM WHICH MUST RAISE DOUBTS REGARDING THE USE OF THE VETO, PARTICULARLY IN CIRCUMSTANCES TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. HE WAS GRATIFIED THAT COMITE 6 COULD ADOPT BY CONSENSUS THE RESOLUTION ON DRAFTING AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES, AND SAID ANOTHER IMPORTANT ITEM WAS THAT ON CONCLUSION OF A WORLD TREATY ON NON-USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT BY COMITE 5 ON THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS DISCLOSED THE NEED FOR A REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA USED IN ASSESSING CONTRIBUTIONS.

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OTHER STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN STATES, VUNIBOBO (FIJI) ON BEHALF ASIAN GROUP, YANKOV (BULGARIA) FOR THE EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES, JACKSON (GUYANA) ON BEHALF OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES, GAUCI (MALTA) FOR THE GROUP OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES, AND HAMZAH (DEMCRATIC YEMEN) ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB STATES.

GOV SCRANTON, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY, SAID THERE HAD BEEN A "POSITIVE TONE" IN THE GA'S WORK THIS YEAR IN SUCH AREAS AS THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. THOSE DEVELOPMENTS WERE "NO CAUSE FOR EUPHORIA", BUT THEY DID "OFFER A BASIS FOR HOPE". THE THREE MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF THE UN WERE THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CURRENT SESSION IN THE FIRST TWO OF THOSE AREAS, HE FELT THAT LITTLE HAD BEEN DONE TO IMPROVE THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE QUESTION OF HOSTAGES.

BAROODY (SAUDI ARABIA) PROPOSED A FINAL DRAFT RESOLUTION IN WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HOST COUNTRY, IN PARTICULAR TO GOV SCRANTON AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE US DELEGATION, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT HE (BAROODY) AND OTHERS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE 32ND GA NEXT YEAR.

PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE THEN PAID TRIBUTE TO GOV SCRANTON, BEFORE SUSPENDING THE 31ST SESSION LATE DEC. 22.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL--LESOTHO'S COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

BY CONSENSUS, THE SC DEC. 22 CALLED FOR AID TO LESOTHO AND THE REOPENING OF THE BORDER POSTS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND LESOTHO, THE CLOSURE OF WHICH HAD BEEN "AIMED AT COERCING UNCLASSIFIED

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LESOTHO INTO ACCORDING RECOGNITION TO THE BANTUSTAN TRANSKEI". BY APPROVING THE SEVEN-POWER RESOLUTION (S/12260), THE SC ALSO CALLED ON SOUTH AFRICA TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REOPEN THE BORDER POSTS; COMMENDED LESOTHO FOR ITS DECISION NOT TO RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI; APPEALED TO ALL STATES TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL AID TO LESOTHO; AND REQUESTED THE SYG TO ORGANIZE AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ENABLE LESOTHO TO OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE BORDER POSTS. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MAURITIUS, PANAMA, FRANCE, BOTSWANA, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, SOVIET UNION, GUYANA, TANZANIA, JAPAN, ITALY AND ROMANIA. MOST SPEAKERS CENSURED SOUTH AFRICA, COMMENDED LESOTHO FOR UPHOLDING UN DECISIONS, AND FAVORED GENEROUS RESPONSE TO LESOTHO'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. THE US AND UK EXPLAINED THEIR VOTES, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LESOTHO THANKED THE COUNCIL.

RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS), SPEAKING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF MAURITIUS AND OF THE OAU CHAIRMAN, SAID THAT LESOTHO'S WILL TO

RESIST THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESSURES IN SPITE OF ITS VULNERABILITY WAS SYMBOLIC OF AFRICA'S DETERMINATION TO COMBAT THE EVILS OF APARTHEID AND RACISM. BY ASSISTING LESOTHO, IT WAS AFRICA'S STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE SUPPORTING. ON BEHALF OF OAU, HE URGED ALL SC MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LESOTHO.

ILLUECA (PANAMA) POINTED OUT THAT LESOTHO WAS CARRYING OUT UN DECISIONS BY ITS STAND, AND SAID ECOSOC AND UNDP SHOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO AND THE SYG SHOULD PREPARE A PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. LAPRETTE (FRANCE) SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE SITUATION, SUGGESTED THE SYG SEND A TERM OF EXPERTS TO ASSESS THE AID REQUIRED, AND STATED THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO ACCORD EMERGENCY AID TO LESOTHO.
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MOGAMI (BOTSWANA) SAID THERE WOULD BE FURTHER CRISES CAUSED BY SOUTH AFRICA, NOTED OTHER PROPOSED BANTUSTANS BORDERED ON OTHER INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES, INCLUDING BOTSWANA, AND FULLY SUPPORTED LESOTHO FOR STANDING BY THE UN DECISION NOT TO RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI. AKHUND (PAKISTAN) AGREED THAT AS MORE BANTUSTANS WERE BROUGHT INTO BEING THE SAME TACTICS WOULD BE APPLIED TO FORCE RECOGNITION OF THOSE ENTITIES. IN ITS ACTS AGAINST LESOTHO, SOUTH AFRICA WAS TELLING THE WORLD THAT ITS ESSENTIAL POLICIES WERE UNCHANGED, HE SAID.

SUNDBERG (SWEDEN) CONSIDERED IT A NATURAL AND LOGICAL STEP BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO COME TO THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION. HE REFERRED TO ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY SWEDEN TO SMALL INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE AGAINST PRESSURES FROM SOUTH AFRICA, AND ADDED IT SHOULD BE A COMMON TASK, IN PARTICULAR FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, TO ENCOURAGE THE ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING OF AFRICAN STATES STANDING UP AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "HAVING IMPERIAL AMBITIONS."

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KHARLAMOV (USSR) RECALLED THAT THE SOVIET DEL
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WARNED THAT UNLESS ACTION WAS TAKEN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD

EXPAND ITS CRIMES TO NEIGHBORING REGIONS, AND STATED THAT THE PRESENT CASE WAS SUCH AN EXAMPLE. HE DECLARED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS WERE INADMISSIBLE AND CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS POLICIES WITHOUT THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND OTHER SUPPORT IT WAS RECEIVING FROM CERTAIN WESTERN STATES AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE SOVIET UNION SUPPORTED PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM BECAUSE OF ITS "REVOLUTIONARY CONVICTIONS" AND NOT IN ORDER TO SEEK ANY KIND OF CONCESSION, DOMINATION OR BASES. THE SOVIET UNION CONDEMNED THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE "MANEUVERS OF THE IMPERIALISTS" SEEKING TO MAINTAIN THEM IN POWER. HE CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR HIS KIND WORDS ABOUT AMB MALIK AND HIS REMARKS ON THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND LIBYA.

CHALE (TANZANIA) ACCUSED SOUTH AFRICA OF RESORTING TO "ARM-TWISTING AND BLACKMAILING TACTICS" NOW THAT IT HAD FAILED TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE SHAM INDEPENDENCE OF THE BANTUSTANS. HE INTRODUCED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AND REVIEWED ITS TERMS. JACKSON (GUYANA) CONGRATULATED LESOTHO FOR ITS COURAGE AND CALLED ON THE SC TO CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA'S COERCIVE ACTION. WITH OTHER BANTUSTANS BEING GOADED INTO A PSEUDO-INDEPENDENCE, OTHER AFRICAN STATES, SHARING GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATIONS SIMILAR TO THAT OF LESOTHO, MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE FACED WITH SIMILAR PRESSURES, HE OBSERVED.

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ABE (JAPAN) STATED, "WE CANNOT HELP CONCLUDING THAT DEEPLY INHUMAN MEASURES, CONSTITUING A SERIOUS MENACE TO THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO IN THAT AREA, HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT ANY DECENT REASON". IN HIS VIEW, THE SC SHOULD DEMAND THAT SOUTH AFRICA CEASE THOSE ACTIONS AND APPEAL T THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO EXTEND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO IN ITS ENORMOUS DIFFICULTY. VINCI (ITALY), REITERATING ITALY'S OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID AND BANTUSTAN POLICIES, STATED THAT LESOTHO SHOULD BE GIVEN AID TO ENABLE IT TO OVERCOME ITS PRESENT DIFFICULTIES AND RESIST FURTHER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESSURE. HE MENTIONED THAT THE EEC HAD ALREADY TAKEN URGENT MEASURES TO AID LESOTHO AND FURTHER ACTION WAS BEING CONSIDERED.

PRESIDENT DATCU, SPEAKING AS ROMANIAN REPRESENTATIVE, SAID THE SC MUST RESPOND SPEEDILY, EFFECTIVELY AND POSITIVELY TO THE APPEAL OF LESOTHO AND TAKE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MEASURES. HE URGED THAT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTIONS, ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD

BEEN THUS APPROVED.

AMB SHERER EXPLAINED THAT THE US JOINED IN THE CONSENSUS BECAUSE IT WISHED TO MAKE VERY CLEAR ITS SUPPORT FOR THE MAIN POINT. RESTRICTING MOVEMENT BETWEEN LESOTHO AND THAT TERRITORY KNOWN AS TRANSKEI IMPOSED SERIOUS BURDENS ON LESOTHO'S ECONOMY, AND THE US BELIEVED THE WORLD COMMUNITY SHOULD ASSIST LESOTHO. AT THE SAME TIME, THE RESOLUTION ENDORSED GA RES 31/6 A ON WHICH THE US ABSTAINED. ALTHOUGH THE US HAD NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING THE SO-CALLED TRANSKEI, USG RESERVED THE RIGHT TO ATTEND TO THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF US CITIZENS IF IT WERE NECESSARY. HE NOTED THAT THE US WAS EXTENDING SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO, AND HE HOPED THAT THE BORDER POSTS IN QUESTION WOULD BE OPENED PROMPTLY TO THE FREE MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO. AMB SHERER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AND SATISFACTION WITH THE SPIRIT OF

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COOPERATION AND CLOSE COORDINATION WHICH HAD GONE INTO THE PREPARATION OF THE RESOLUTION, POINTED OUT IT COULD ONLY ASSIST THE COUNCIL IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS BEFORE IT, AND HOPED THAT THE EXAMPLE WOULD BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE.

MURRAY (UK) SAID THE UK AGREED WITH THE MAIN THRUST OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH WAS A CALL FOR THE REOPENING OF THE BORDER POSTS AND APPEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO. HOWEVER, UKDEL FELT IT WAS NEITHER APPROPRIATE NOR NECESSARY FOR THE SC TO ENDORSE A GA RESOLUTION. HE NOTED THE UK WAS ALREADY CARRYING OUT A SUBSTANTIAL AID PROGRAM FOR LESOTHO AND WAS INCREASING ITS ASSISTANCE TO HELP REPAIR RAIN-DAMAGED ROADS AND TO MEET OTHER NEEDS.

LESOTHO FOREIGN MINISTER MOLAPO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT GIVEN LESOTHO BY THE COUNCIL AND SAID THE RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATED THAT LESOTHO WAS NOT ALONE IN ITS STRUGGLE. HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THE ASSISTANCE PROMISED BY MANY COUNTRIES, AND REAFFIRMED LESOTHO'S DEDICATION TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. (REPEATED INFO GABORONE, LONDON, MASERU, PRETORIA).

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